

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Suresh VENKATRAMAN, *et al.*  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner Interviews conducted on November 17, 2004 and November 18, 2004, applicants authorize the Examiner to amend the claims for allowance as discussed and as provided below.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Specification** are provided on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.